



Montana Crime Reporting Newsletter

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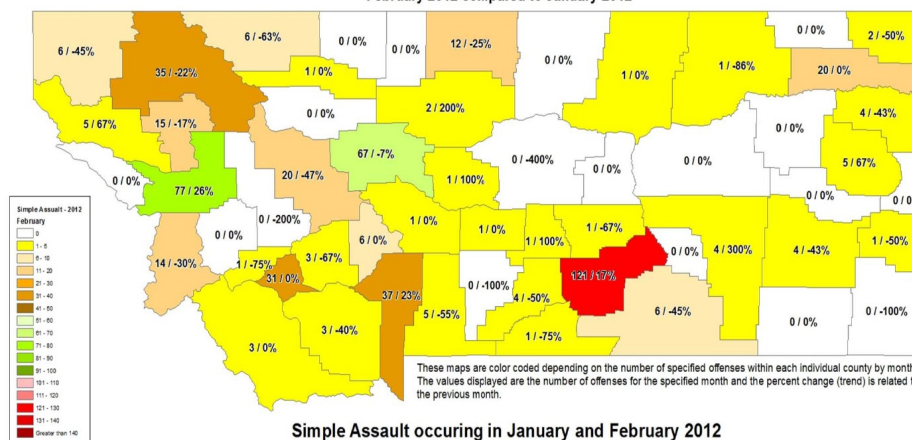
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Crime Mapping

The Montana Board of Crime Control and the U.S. Border Patrol collaborated to produce a new crime data instrument, crime maps, to visualize crime trends. Below is a crime map example.

Simple Assault by County

February 2012 compared to January 2012



Simple Assault occurring in January and February 2012

County	Jan	Feb	Chg	Pct Chg	County	Jan	Feb	Chg	Pct Chg	County	Jan	Feb	Chg	Pct Chg	County	Jan	Feb	Chg	Pct Chg
Beaverhead	3	3	0	0%	Gallatin	30	37	7	23%	Mineral	0	0	0	0%	Shoshone	4	2	-2	-50%
Big Horn	11	6	-5	-45%	Garfield	0	0	0	0%	Missoula	61	77	16	26%	Silver Bow	31	31	0	0%
Blaine	0	0	0	0%	Glacier	16	6	-10	-63%	Muskegon	3	1	-2	-67%	Silver Lake	8	4	-4	-50%
Broadwater	6	6	0	0%	Groen Valley	0	1	1	100%	Park	11	5	-6	-55%	Sweet Grass	1	0	-1	-100%
Carbon	4	1	-3	-75%	Grange	0	0	0	0%	Petroleum	0	0	0	0%	Teton	0	0	0	0%
Carter	1	0	-1	-100%	Hill	16	12	-4	-25%	Phillips	1	1	0	0%	Toole	0	0	0	0%
Cascade	72	67	-5	-7%	Jefferson	9	3	-6	-67%	Pondera	1	1	0	0%	Treasure	0	0	0	0%
Chouteau	0	2	2	200%	Judith Basin	0	1	1	100%	Powder River	0	0	0	0%	Valley	7	1	-6	-86%
Custer	7	4	-3	-43%	Lake	18	15	-3	-17%	Powell	2	0	-2	-200%	Wheatland	1	1	0	0%
Daniels	0	0	0	0%	Lewis and Clark	38	20	-18	-47%	Prairie	0	0	0	0%	Wildhorse	0	0	0	0%
Deer Lodge	3	5	2	67%	Liberty	0	0	0	0%	Roosevelt	20	20	0	0%	Yellowstone	103	123	20	19%
Deer Lodge	4	1	-3	-75%	Lincoln	11	6	-5	-45%	Richmond	7	4	-3	-43%					
Fallon	2	1	-1	-50%	Madison	5	3	-2	-40%	Roosevelt	20	20	0	0%					
Fergus	4	0	-4	-100%	McCone	0	0	0	0%	Sanford	1	4	3	300%					
Flathead	45	35	-10	-22%	Musselshell	1	1	0	0%	Sanders	3	5	2	67%					

The Statistical Analysis Center collaborated with the Office of Border Patrol to construct the crime data maps. Crime data was pulled from the Montana Incident Based Reporting System and the maps were constructed with a geographical information system. While care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information presented, the U.S. Border Patrol, Havre Sector Intelligence Unit, September 28, 2012.

To see more crime maps for aggravated and simple assault, drug offenses, disorderly conduct, burglary, and driving under the influence click on the link: [MBCC's website](http://www.mt.gov/mbcc).

Save the Date: October 22—25, 2012

6th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference, Billings, MT

MBCC and the Montana Crime Prevention Association (MCPA) are teaming up again to bring together law enforcement and criminal and juvenile justice leaders from the public and private sectors to discuss crime problems that are impacting local communities and the solutions that are working across the state. Registration is free! More information can be found on the [MBCC website](http://www.mt.gov/mbcc).



Crime Reporting Policy

The Montana Board of Crime Control adopted a new crime reporting policy on March 16th, 2012. The new policy, which had not been updated since November 2000, clarifies the Board's relationship between its granting authority and its responsibility for the collection of incident-based crime data. More specifically, the Board's updated policy ties sub-grant awards to the reporting of timely and accurate crime data by setting standards for timeliness and accuracy. This policy applies to all crime data that is reported to the Board via the Montana Incident-Based Reporting System (MTIBRS).

The MTIBRS is Montana's repository for offenses known to law enforcement. Roughly 100 local law enforcement agencies currently report crime data to the MTIBRS. The MTIBRS is 100% certified by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Violent crime data submitted to the MTIBRS is one factor that helps determine the amount of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding allocated to Montana. It is also used to explore trends and emerging crime issues in your communities and across the state.

The Policy States:

- (1) For those grants in which it is allowable and appropriate, the Board, as part of the request for proposals process, may reserve a portion of the total funds available for subgrant awards for records management system improvements that would permit law enforcement agencies to submit accurate and timely crime data
- (2) Except as provided for subsection (3), the Board may not award a subgrant to a local government applicant unless the applicant's law enforcement agency is reporting accurate and timely electronic crime data in a format consistent with the MTIBRS standards.
- (3) The Board may award a subgrant to a local government applicant that is not in compliance with subsection (2) if the applicant's law enforcement agency agrees through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to meet the reporting requirements within 120 days after the subgrant is awarded. The MOU must outline the law enforcement agency's plan for meeting the reporting requirements, which may include entering incident-level data into the MTIBRS via the Board's MTIBRS Online web-data entry system at no cost. The MOU must be signed by the law enforcement agency's authorized representative and the Board's executive director within 30 days of the subgrant award.
- (4) If a local government that has been awarded a subgrant fails to comply with the provisions of subsections (2) or (3), the Board may withhold subgrant funds or deem the local government ineligible for future subgrant awards until it is reporting accurate and timely electronic crime data.
- (5) The Board's executive director shall report at least semi-annually to the Board on the status of electronic crime data reporting in the state.



Crime Reporting Policy Continued

(6) This policy applies to subgrant applications solicited after the effective date of this policy.

If your department has an error rate above 4% and a program that will be affected by this, you will receive a letter specifying those programs and how MBCC will support your efforts to obtain error rates below 4%.

Optional Audit Reports that Improve Accurate Data Submission

Did you know that there are 35 Audit Reports in MTIBRS Online Reporting (MOR) that can assist in the accuracy of your agency's crime data reporting?

Recently, MBCC requested verification on the 2012 Homicide & LEOKA FBI Reports. For verification, you could simply run the Incidents with Homicide audit report which will drill down to the incident number. You can customize this report by choosing from multiple dimensions i.e. Arrest type, Domestic violence related. In addition, there are 4 LEOKA audit reports available.

MBCC, also, requested that agencies review several Data Integrity issues from the annual FBI Report. For example, one issue is that "agencies are reporting robberies with only a business as the victim". To confirm your agency's data, run the Robbery with Business as Victim Type audit report. Again, you have multiple dimensions to customize this report.

All audit reports can be processed at any time. Agencies might run several reports before importing their file into MTIBRS. This practice could assist in eliminating incorrect offense counts and integrity issues.

Jail Suicide Data Collection

MBCC is currently collecting data on suicides that occur in Jail/Detention facilities. Current source of information is media outlets. Any provision by law enforcement is appreciated. Questions or requests for current data can be directed to Sarah Price ~ 406-444-3651.

Montana Arrest Related Deaths (MARD)

MBCC is working with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and it's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) on the Arrest Related Deaths program. Currently we report any arrest related deaths on a quarterly basis. All law enforcement agencies are encouraged to participate by providing data on the related events that occur within their jurisdiction. Sarah Price sends out quarterly reminders to all Chief's and Sheriff's to gather the information to send to BJS. More information can be found [here](#). If you have further questions or concerns please contact Sarah Price ~ 406-444-3651.

Montana Incident-Based Reporting System Online Reporting (MOR)

Remember to do your own audits on your data submissions by clicking [HERE](#). We no longer audit the information you send to us.

MTIBRS Scenario

Billings man injured in Heights Shooting ([Click here for News report](#) and [here](#)):

Incident Summary:

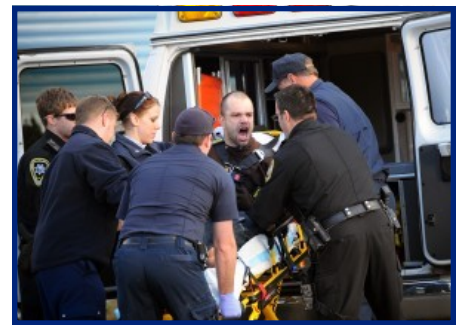
A Billings man, identified as Johnathan W. Hartman, 27, got into a verbal argument with his girlfriend in a casino parking lot. The man went into the casino's liquor store and purchased a bottle of whiskey. He returned to his car and began drinking the whiskey inside it. He then fired a pistol through the roof of the car, and then pointed the pistol at his girlfriend. He proceeded to put the pistol in her mouth and threatened to kill her. After removing the gun from her mouth he shot the gun again by her ear. He continued to push and shove her inside the car. Hartman drove away from the casino, during which time he placed the pistol inside his pants. While driving erratically the pistol went off and discharged into his buttocks.

Offenses Found:

- 0414 – Assault with a weapon
- 0431 – Attempted Homicide
- 0441 – Partner or family member assault
- 0421 – Criminal endangerment
- 1541 – Discharge within city limits – firing firearms
- 2261 – Open container in motor vehicle on highway

Reporting the Incident:

- Suspected of Using should be sent as alcohol.
- Offender is a 27 year old white male
- Arrestee is a 27 year old white male, Not of Hispanic origin, resident.
- Location of the incident is: Gambling facility (Incident started in parking lot of casino. Use location of where the incident started, if known.)
- The Domestic abuse flag should be submitted.
- Weapon type should be: Handgun
- Arrestee armed with: Handgun
- Aggravated assault circumstances: Argument
- Injury type: Possible Internal injury (loss of hearing) or Minor
- Victim/Offender relationship: Boyfriend/Girlfriend
- Arrest type: On-view





6th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference in Billings, MT



The Crime Prevention Conference allows participants to select interesting and impactful seminars and trainings from a broad scope of criminal and juvenile justice and public safety issues. Important changes are coming for NIBRS and MTIBRS that incorporate the new reportable human trafficking offense. An exceptional pre-conference training is available to learn about human trafficking and its effects on communities and victims. Staff from the [Polaris Project](#) will be conducting a pre-conference training on Tuesday, October 23rd that includes educating participants about current information on federal and state laws, promising practices, victim identification and assessment and recent human trafficking trends. In addition to the engaging educational opportunities, participants will be able to network with fellow practitioners and educators and gain continuing education credits pending approval. Please click on the image to the right for additional information. We hope to see you and your staff at the 6th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference!

Montana Law Enforcement Information and Records Association Conference in Lewistown, MT



Montana Law Enforcement Records & Information Association (MTLEIRA) is co-hosting with the Fergus Sheriff's Office, it's Fall Training Conference. It will be held October 16 - 19, 2012 at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, MT. Requested training by members includes topics of agency policies & procedures and record & information management processes along with a 2-day training on the civil process. For conference details click on the logo to the left.

Law Enforcement Personnel Survey

Each year the MBCC collects information on the number of law enforcement personnel employed within your agency. A web-based program is being developed in the [MTIBRS](#) system. Each agency representative will need to create an account in MTIBRS. Once you are logged in, the entry screen will function similar to our previous survey. Be looking for an email the beginning of November for details on how to begin submitting this information.